



# EMERITUS VINEYARDS

*Estate Grown Pinot Noir*

## 2019 EMERITUS VINEYARDS, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ESTATE GROWN PINOT NOIR

### Vineyard Notes

Emeritus Vineyards was founded in 1999 by legendary vintner Brice Cutrer Jones when he acquired the Hallberg Ranch after selling his first winery, Sonoma-Cutrer. His goal was to create a grand-cru-caliber Pinot Noir estate. In 2008 Emeritus purchased an old farm about 8 miles away and planted the Pinot Hill Vineyard. The two vineyards are now some of the most sought-after sources for Pinot Noir in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. Hallberg Ranch has been farmed without supplemental irrigation—dry farmed—since 2011, and Pinot Hill since 2013. Dry farming is not a common practice in California because there is not summer rainfall. This method allows the grapes to develop beautifully full flavors without becoming overripe.

### Vintage Notes

The 2019 growing season saw slightly less overnight fog than a 'classic' vintage. Even so, the grapes were able to accumulate sugars slowly maximizing flavor development. We attribute the gentle ripening to our dry farming practice. With this method, the vines have very deep roots and are able to penetrate to where the soil is moist from the winter rains, instead of relying on water pooled at the surface from irrigation. This allows the vines to ripen fruit slowly instead of in short bursts. As a result, even with a slightly larger than normal crop, our 2019 wines are intensely colored and extremely aromatic.

### Tasting Notes

This wine comes from our two estate vineyards in Sebastopol. Pinot Hill is a cooler, steeper site producing high-acid, complex and delicate wines. Hallberg Ranch brings more textural roundness and alluring red fruit flavors to the wine. When blended, the result is a wine bursting with fresh and youthful aromas of ripe red cherry, cherry blossom, walnuts, dried orange zest, and a little whiff of honey. The mouth has great fruit concentration, freshness, and energy. It fills the mouth without heaviness and lingers well in the back palate, making it a superb food and sipping wine.



Appellation	Russian River Valley (Sebastopol)
Vineyard Sources	Hallberg Ranch & Pinot Hill
Varietals	Pinot Noir
Soil Series	Goldridge sandy loam underlain with clay soils
Barrel Program	French oak, 16% new, aged 10 months
Bottled	Unfined
Alcohol	13.5%